

Ness Middle School
Parent Advisory Council
November 21st, 2016

1. Call to Order: Time was 6:50pm

2. Attendance:

PAC Members present: Quincy Barnes, Cindy Despina, Julie Miller, Jocelyne McKie

Members at Large Present: Jaime Bartel,

Quorum Present? Yes

Administration Present: Jordana Buckwold, Cheri Banks

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Motioned to accept the minutes: Jaime Bartel

All in favor

Motion approved/passed

4. Special Guest

*Special Presentation from Shannon and Candy, division counsellors from Jameswood on Drugs and Alcohol education.

Targeted students are grade 7 and 8 students. PE will be teaching "It's up to You Program" in addition to the regular Health curriculum.

Presentations will centre around what do students know already about drugs and alcohol, what do they want to know, and what they need to know. Big focus on students transitioning to high school. Parent services are available. Shannon at sromance@sjsd.net

5. Administrators Report:

Principal's Report
Parent Council Meeting
Monday, November 21th

1. Thank you to our Parent Council for the hard work on the Book Fair and our upcoming Peak of the Market fundraiser.

2. Presentation from our AFM counsellors – see above number 4
3. School enhancement Project:
The entire interior of the school will be painted over the next several months. Classrooms will be freshened up for before grade of students arrives.
4. Clubs and Extra-curricular activities happening this term:
 - Social Justice Club
 - Student Leadership
 - Technology Club
 - Yearbook
 - Concert Choir
 - Vocal Jazz
 - Volleyball (Atomic & Tier 2)
 - Basketball commencing in December
5. Student-Led Conferences: A Celebration of Learning - Held on November 17th. 84% of the student body was in attendance. Feedback was extremely positive. Parents are reminded and encouraged to reach out to teachers at any time during the school year to learn more about their child or discuss any sensitive matters.
6. 23 students attended We Day on November 18th. In the next couple of weeks, students will discuss what they took away from We Day and how they will share their learning with the rest of the Ness student body.
7. Term 2 begins on November 28th. Term 1 Report Cards are distributed on December 7.
8. Festival du Voyageur - We are registered for February 21, 2017
9. Winter holidays: December 23 – January 6
10. Next meeting: Monday, December 16th at 6:30.

6. Other Business:

a) Book Fair:

Went very well. Sold Over \$1000.00 books. Many teachers received several books from their wish list. Needed \$1500.00 to get a %50 return.

Motion from Angela Manicni to use \$331.78 from our PAC account to subsidize the remaining amount to purchase French and English books for the teachers

b) Peek of the Market:

Available to any school once a year only. Orders forms due Dec. 3rd

Need volunteers on Dec. 12th between 12-3 and 3-6 the help fill bags so they are ready to send home.

*Info about Social Justice group can raise money to buy a meal for people of Silome Mission

c) School Grounds

Form a subcommittee to move forward.

Jocelyne McKie

Julie Millar

Cindy Despina

b) **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, January 30th, 6:30pm

7. Meeting Adjournment;

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jocelyne McKie

All in favour

Motion passed

Time was 7:42pm